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1. Determined efforts are being made by the Soviets to increase production of shale oil at Kivioli (59-23N, 26-57E) and Kohtla Jarve (59-25N, 27-15E) in the Estonian SSR. A considerable number of Soviet workers have been brought to these regions and production methods are being modernized.
2. In the spring of 1950 there were between 8,000 and 10,000 men, divided among eight different sections, who were employed in all aspects of shale oil production, from breaking up the shale to refining the oil. Gas, crude oil, and gasoline were being produced, and a factory for the production of acids was under construction.
3. Most products from the plants and a certain amount of the unprocessed shale were sent to the Soviet Union, and a smaller amount of unprocessed shale was sent to Tallinn, Estonia. This unprocessed shale was probably of the variety which is more valuable for its uranium content than for its oil.
4. New large electric plants have been constructed in Kivioli and Pussi (59-23N, 27-04E) which will aid in the modernization of production methods in the shale oil plants.
5. The chief of the Kivioli plant is a Latvian Communist named (fnu) Udras.

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